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RESPONSE TO THE
OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 26, 2001

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this response to the Office Action of January 26, 2001.

REMARKS

Claims 52-64 are pending.

Claims 52-64 are rejected.

Applicants request the reconsideration of claims 52-64.

I. Rejection of claims under §102

The Examiner rejected claims 52-57 as being anticipated by Doan (presumably U. S. Patent No. 5,372,974). In articulating the basis for rejection for claim 52, however, the Examiner relies upon Doan in combination with Ahlburn (U.S. Patent No. 5,650,359). Novelty

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